been directed to ensure adherence to Marketing Discipline Guidelines, 2001.

CBM reserves in Madhya Pradesh

1474. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reliance Industries Limited has struck a huge gas reserves of 3.76 trillion cubic feet in two coal bed methane blocks in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this is the country's first commercial coal bed methane find; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Reliance Industries Limited has reported that they have established in-place Coal Bed Methane gas reserves of 3.65 Trillion Cubic Feet (TCF) in the two CBM blocks awarded to them in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Based on the characteristics of physical attributes of coal, DGH, while carving out these two blocks for offer of blocks in the first round for CMB bidding, had assessed a prognosticated resource of 3-04 TCF in the two blocks awarded to RIL. RIL, on completion of the first phase of the committed work programme, confirmed the estimated gas in-place resources to be of the order of 3.65 TCF (1.6 TCF in Sohagpur East and 1.96 TCF in Sohagpur West CBM block). Commercial viability will be established only after completion of test production.

Shortage of LPG due to closure of refinery

†1475. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the closure of a private refinery recently, the whole country is facing an acute shortage of LPG; fOriginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.